

**Hakim testimony postponed**

WASHINGTON (R) — The congressional committees probing the Iran-contra scandal have postponed his public testimony that was set for Wednesday, congressional sources said Wednesday. The sources, who asked not to be identified, said Mr. Hakim's secret testimony at the weekend had raised new questions, and investigators needed more time to prepare for his appearance before the public hearings. They said Robert Dalton, like Mr. Hakim a business associate of retired air force Major General Richard Secord, would likely take Mr. Hakim's place at the witness table when the hearings begin their fourth week on Wednesday. The sources said Mr. Hakim would probably testify at the start of next week's hearings on Tuesday. Mr. Hakim, an Iranian-born naturalized American, played a key role in both the covert sale of U.S. arms to Iran and White House-directed efforts to keep funds flowing to Nicaragua's "contra" rebels during a congressional ban on such aid.

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**Probe 'highly critical' of Peres, Rabin**

TEL AVIV (R) — A parliamentary investigation has singled out two Israeli ministers for much of the responsibility for the Pollard spy scandal in Washington, Israeli Television reported. It said criticism centred on Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin who were prime minister and defence chief, respectively, in 1984 and 1985 when the U.S. navy intelligence analyst spied for Israel. Mr. Rabin is currently defence minister and Mr. Peres is foreign minister. The report also found that Likud Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and cabinet minister Moshe Arens were also at fault in the Jonathan Pollard spy affair. Earlier, a government-appointed panel said the entire government must accept responsibility for the espionage operation but made no recommendations for action against any leaders (See page 2). "There are harsh references in this report... to all echelons," said Ehud Olmert, a Likud party deputy and member of the seven-man committee chaired by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban. "I do not rule out the possibility that some resignations will be in order but that is not something that a Knesset committee can dictate," Mr. Olmert said of the parliamentary report.

**Eid begins Thursday**

AMMAN (I.T.) — The Chief Islamic justice, Sheikh Mohammad Mihelan, announced on Tuesday that the "Eid Al Fitr" feast would begin on Thursday. In a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Sheikh Mihelan said the crescent of Sharmawat was not sighted on Tuesday and therefore the last day of Ramadan was today, Wednesday. However, holidays begin today for all government departments and institutions.

**Syrian and Soviet leaders exchange message**

DAMASCUS (AP) — President Hafez Al Assad received roving Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Svetko on Tuesday who delivered a letter to him from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the Syrian official news agency SANA reported. The letter dealt with "bilateral issues and some matters of mutual interest," and the Syrian president gave Mr. Svetko a reply, the agency said without elaboration. The exchange of letters came only one month after Mr. Assad's visit to Moscow for talks with Mr. Gorbachev.

**Chirac meets Junblatt**

PARIS (R) — Prime Minister Jacques Chirac met Lebanese Druze leader Walid Junblatt on Tuesday and they discussed the fate of French hostages held in Lebanon, officials said. Mr. Junblatt told reporters after the 45-minute meeting that he took seriously threats of a new wave of bombings in France made by a clandestine group on Monday. Asked about the five Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon by extremists, Mr. Junblatt said he believed the mainly-Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) had nothing to do with the kidnappings. "We discussed the importance of freeing them, but I have nothing else to say," Mr. Junblatt added.

**Iranian rebels say 46 guards killed**

BAGHDAD (R) — The anti-Tehran Mujahideen-e-Khalq group said Tuesday its fighters killed 46 Iranian Revolutionary Guards and injured many more in two separate clashes in the eastern Iranian province of Khorasan. The Baghdad-based movement said in a telex message to Reuters that four guards commanders were among those killed in the fighting on May 8. Four Mujahideen fighters also died. The Mujahideen said in mid-May it had killed more than 200 Revolutionary Guards in the western Iranian province of Sardasht on May 11.

**Tunisian labour leader to be freed**

TUNIS (AP) — Ailing veteran labour leader Habib Achour, 74, is to be released from a sentence of seven years' imprisonment under a "presidential pardon" granted by President Habib Bourguiba, official sources reported Tuesday. Mr. Achour, Mr. Bourguiba's long-time comrade in the struggle for independence from French colonial rule, was convicted last year for abuse of confidence and complicity in the mismanagement of the giant General Union of Tunisian Workers (UGTT) which he headed.

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## Two U.S. diplomats shot and wounded in Cairo attack

CAIRO (Agencies) — Unidentified men shot and wounded two U.S. diplomats, one a top security officer, on a Cairo highway on Tuesday and self-styled Egyptian revolutionaries claimed responsibility.

Dennis Williams, chief of security for the U.S. embassies in Egypt, Sudan and Jordan, and a deputy, John Huckle, received "superficial head wounds" and were up and about after medical treatment, an embassy spokesman said.

Three gunmen tailing them as they drove to work from the select southern suburb of Maadi, a suburb about 12 kilometres south of Cairo, where many diplomats of the United States and other countries live. Tuesday's attack was at the extreme northern edge of the suburb.

An Israeli official said he had been driving in Cairo in August 1985, 42, were slightly injured by glass splinters from shattered windows of the car. An unnamed American official with them was unhurt.

As the assailants fled into light traffic in their green Peugeot saloon, police mounted a hunt for the men involved in the third known shooting attack on foreign diplomats in the Egyptian capital in two years.

About five hours after the attack, a Western news agency in Cairo said it received a phone call from a man, speaking "perfect Oxford English," who said, "this is Egypt's revolution. Have you received our statement? We are responsible for the shooting in Maadi."

Later, an Egyptian undercover policeman told AP that an unidentified person gave a letter to an errand boy in the street outside the same news agency's office and fled. The detective

**Sri Lanka announces all-out attack on Jaffna**

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Sri Lankan soldiers began an all-out attack on Tuesday to capture the rebel-controlled Jaffna peninsula and the military warned residents to leave their homes and seek refuge in designated places, a government spokesman said.

Spokesman Tilak Ratnayaka told Reuters a 48-hour curfew was imposed in Jaffna from dawn on Tuesday and helicopters dropped leaflets to warn the 800,000 residents of the peninsula to move to 18 specific places where they could seek refuge. These included colleges, Hindu temples and churches, he said.

"The citizens of Jaffna were given two hours from 6 a.m. (0030GMT) today to reach the nearest point of refuge," he said. He said an undetermined number of troops began to advance from camps in Thondamanar, Vasavilan, Palay, Velvetturai, Kankesanthurai, Kurumbarai, Kaduwani and Elephant Pass to surround rebel bases.

He said the objective of the advance was "to capture the entire Jaffna peninsula including the city itself."

"But the advance is very slow because of possible civilian casualties and booby traps," he added.

Residents in Vavuniya, the first major town south of the peninsula, said at least five civilians also were killed in pitched battles around the camp at the village of Vasavilan. They also reported heavy fighting around an army post at Point Pedro.

Both Vasavilan and Point Pedro are north of Jaffna Town.

## NATO ministers agree to improve conventional forces

BRUSSELS (R) — NATO defence ministers agreed on Tuesday to improve its conventional forces to face the prospect of reduced reliance on nuclear weapons, the alliance's top military officer said.

West German General Wolfgang Altenburg, the outspoken chairman of NATO's military committee, said the ministers gave surprisingly strong backing to his request to spend more money on battlefield readiness.

He said he warned ministers that more ammunition and reserve troop strength, attack-proof communications and increases in medical and other supplies to ensure "sustainability" would cost more money.

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U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger reported to the ministers on the May 17 attack.

## White House says U.S. has not issued any threat against Iran

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The White House said Tuesday it would be irresponsible to suggest the United States might bomb Iran for attacking Kuwaiti oil tankers sailing under an American flag in the Gulf.

"We make no threats against anybody," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. "Our forces are there as a deterrent."

He said that sometime around

the first of June, 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers will be operating under the U.S. flag and receive protection from U.S. forces in the region.

Fitzwater said that "the basic rules of engagement have been made" outlining how U.S. forces

would respond to any attack, but he refused to discuss them.

After an Iraqi missile attack on the American frigate Stark, which killed 37 sailors, President Ronald Reagan put U.S. ships in the Gulf on heightened alert and authorised them to fire on aircraft that appear hostile. However, it is unclear how the United States would respond to shore-launched missiles from Iran.

At a White House briefing, Fitzwater said the reflagging of the Kuwaiti ships was in the final stages, and that the decision to protect them was final.

Asked if the United States

would bomb Iran if it attacked

the ships, Fitzwater said, "That's

in our judgement... (it is) irresponsible to suggest we are going to bomb Iran. We do not have any kind of purposes of that kind. Our purpose there is deterrence and we don't want to suggest any offensive (action)."

In Brussels, the United States asked its NATO allies to help U.S., British, and French forces to preserve freedom of navigation in the Gulf but received no immediate pledges of support, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said.

"(We) the U.S. solicited any assistance that they might be able to give after, obviously, consultations with their governments," he

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## American team asks to meet Iraqi pilot who fired missiles at the Stark

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — American military investigators on Tuesday asked to meet the Iraqi fighter pilot who attacked the USS Stark, killing 37 crewmen.

Diplomats said the nine-man

U.S. team want to question the Mirage pilot who fired two Exocet missiles into the frigate on May 17 as it patrolled the Gulf.

Iraq said the attack was a mistake and that the pilot thought he was firing at an Iranian ship. The captain of the Stark said his ship identified itself twice to the pilot as he approached.

The diplomats said the investigators, led by Rear-Admiral David Rogers, deputy director for current operations at the directorate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had completed their first session of talks with Iraqi officials and would have their second round later Tuesday or Wednesday.

One diplomat said the team was expected to leave Baghdad

Wednesday night.

U.S. embassy officials were reluctant to give details of the group's programme and Iraq's mass media has not mentioned the visit.

U.S. Ambassador David Newton said Iraqi authorities have been cooperative in arranging for the investigators to meet Iraqi officials.

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bia.

Another representative of the U.S. Senate, Democrat Jim Sasser of Tennessee, has already been in the Gulf to look into the attack and to see if the seven American warships on duty in the Gulf are sufficient for their task.

In Kuwait he discussed plans by the Kuwaiti government and the Reagan administration to reflag 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers with the U.S. flag to give them American naval protection.

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## McFarlane: Reagan may have broken legislation in aiding contras

TOKYO (R) — Former U.S. presidential adviser Robert McFarlane said Tuesday the Reagan administration, out of frustration, may have broken the law in continuing to promote aid for Nicaraguan rebels against congressional wishes.

The Soviet news agency TASS said earlier Mr. Gorbachev and Mr. McFarlane had discussed international issues with Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu on Tuesday.

"Special attention was paid to...

...the halting of the arms race and the passage to disarmament, nuclear above all," the official Romanian news agency Agence

Redman said.

Mr. Gorbachev, who visited a Bucharest machine-building plant Monday morning, later addressed a political rally and said democratization was vital for development of communist society.

In a forthright exposition of the reconstruction policies he has championed in the Soviet Union for the past two years, he declared: "Honesty and openness in politics is essential."

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McFarlane termed the incident a "rather serious breakdown in cooperation between the presidency and the Congress" and called for wide-ranging reforms in how the two bodies deal with each other over foreign policy.

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## Abducted professors' wives plead for their release

BEIRUT (AP) — The wives of four professors, three Americans and an Indian, have called on Muslim husbands on the occasion of Islam's lesser Bairam feast.

The three-day feast follows Ramadan, the holy month of dawn-to-dusk fast. The lesser Bairam falls on either Wednesday or Thursday depending on visual monitoring of the Crescent that marks the beginning of each month according to the Muslims' lunar calendar.

"As they have given the gift of knowledge to thousands, at this time please give them the gift of freedom," said Virginia Rose Steen, wife of hostage Alann Steen, 47, of Boston.

Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine claims it holds the four educators, who were snatched on Jan. 24 from the campus of the American-affiliated Beirut University College (BUC).

"In the name of all holy teachings and at the occasion of this blessed feast we call on all to work for the release of our hus-

bands," said Feryal Polhill, wife of Robert Polhill, 53, of New York City.

"We plead with you to release our husbands as a gift (lesser Bairam) gift," said Bad Turner, wife of hostage Jesse Turner, 39, a native of Boise, Idaho.

"We will get our first baby within three weeks," Mrs. Turner said in English.

"I wish all of you a happy Eid (feast) and hope you will be freed soon," said Lalnani Singh, wife of Mithileshwar Singh, who is a native of India and legal resident alien of the United States.

Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine has offered to swap the four for 400 Arab prisoners held in Israel. The Jewish state, however, has refused to consider their proposal.

The four wives made their remarks in a news conference at

### BUC.

In all, 24 foreigners are missing and believed kidnapped in Lebanon since March 1985. They are eight Americans, six Frenchmen, two Britons, two West Germans, an Irishman, an Italian, a South Korean, an Indian and two unidentified foreign men.

Also missing in Lebanon is Anglican Church envoy and hostage negotiator Terry Waite. He dropped out of sight on Jan. 20 after leaving a hotel in west Beirut to negotiate with hostage-takers.

Druse warlord Walid Jumblatt, whose Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militia was in charge of protecting Mr. Waite, has accused the Iranian-backed Hizbullah of holding Mr. Waite, the personal emissary of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie.

Hizbullah, or Party of God, has denied the charge, however. The group, made up of Shi'ite Muslims loyal to Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, is believed to be an umbrella under which numerous factions operate.

A spokesman for Shamir said the three leaders could decide to make public some details of the inquiry, which has no powers to level charges in court. The government is under no legal obligation to disclose the findings.

The radio said the report, which criticised both political and operational handling in the affair, would be submitted to the inner cabinet.

A senior Israeli official, who declined to be identified, said: "The conclusions of the report appear not harsh enough to inflict any damage."

The cabinet appointed Attorney Joshua Rozenstein and former army Chief of Staff Zvi Zur to conduct the inquiry in March after Pollard's severe sentence

was deepened Israel's embarrassment with the United States' closest

intelligence subcommittee met for a third day in seclusion in hopes of completing a separate inquiry into the affair. The committee, collecting testimony in secret for 10 weeks, has been torn by political acrimony.

Israeli leaders have insisted they knew nothing about the operation, blaming it instead on a "rogue intelligence unit" promptly disbanded after Pollard's arrest in November 1985.

The report saved its toughest condemnation for those who hired Pollard and supervised his spy activities, the state-run radio said without attribution.

Meanwhile, Iranian Parliament Speaker Heshami Rafsanjani said

Monday that a warship in the Gulf could be destroyed by volunteers flying a helicopter and eager for martyrdom.

The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) quoted Mr. Rafsanjani as saying this meant the power and efficiency of foreign fleets in the strategic waterway should be questioned.

U.S., Soviet, British and French vessels ply the Gulf.

The agency, which did not provide direct quotes, paraphrased Mr. Rafsanjani as saying that a warship could be "destroyed by a helicopter and some volunteer fighters who dare martyrdom."

While Iraq usually attacks shipping in the Gulf with missiles launched from fighter-bombers, Iran has lately relied on gunboats or helicopters for its raids.

The Iranian agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Mr. Rafsanjani made the remarks in a speech to personnel of the Iranian army aviation service in Tehran.

IRNA, again quoting him indirectly, said he advised them "to be prepared to play a key role once the situation in the Gulf worsens" because of "Iraqi mischievous acts."

Mr. Hawke, during questioning in parliament, said that in response to his action, Lini had decided to indefinitely postpone allowing the Libyans to open an embassy in his country.

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Lini, an Anglican priest, also defended Vanuatu's recent

relations with Libya when it had diplomatic ties with Tripoli.

## Brzezinski suggests Soviet part in Stark attack

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski has suggested it was possible that the Soviet Union had caused last week's Iraqi attack on the U.S. navy frigate Stark by "electronic interference."

Other U.S. official or former official has previously suggested any Soviet role in last Sunday's attack in the Gulf in which an Iraqi F-1 fighter plane fired an Exocet missile at the Stark, killing 37 sailors on board.

Mr. Brzezinski, interviewed on CNN, said he thought the attack was "probably a mistake as far as the Iraqi's are concerned."

"Whether there was some electronic interference and stimulation by a third party I am not sure," he added.

Asked if he was referring to Iran, he said, "Iran or perhaps the Soviets."

Asked, "do you think the Soviets might have caused it?" Mr. Brzezinski replied, "I say it's possible."

Mr. Brzezinski, a member of former President Jimmy Carter's administration, did not elaborate on how he thought the Soviets could have caused the Iraqi pilot to attack by electronic methods. He said the attack had not caused a strong U.S. reaction against Iraq, "and I don't think it should."

A nine-man U.S. military team is currently in Bagdad to investigate the attack.

Rafsanjani: Helicopters can destroy warships

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Monday that a warship in the Gulf could be destroyed by volunteers flying a helicopter and eager for martyrdom.

He did not name the countries but Australia has been one of the most outspoken critics of Vanuatu's links with Libya. Vanuatu and Libya set up formal ties last year.

The Libyan issue has soured relations between Vanuatu and Australia and two weeks ago Lini banned visits by Australian warships and aircraft.

Australia has accused Libya of trying to destabilise the traditionally pro-Western region and last week ordered the closure of the Libyan People's Bureau in Canberra and expelled its two diplomats.

Lini said: "The quarrels of our neighbours with Libya is their own business, not ours. Relations between Vanuatu and Libya are good."

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## 6-year-old GCC accepts greater superpower role

ABU DHABI (R) — Six years after its formation to promote regional self-defence and economic integration, the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) appears to have accepted a growing superpower role in the region.

The Gulf Arab states, who produce some 15 per cent of the non-Communist "World's oil," formed the GCC here on May 25, 1981 in part to boost collective defences and curb superpower influence.

Since then Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Qatar and Oman have moved closer to their goal of a common market and coordinated oil and defence policies.

But diplomats in the region say they have also seen the limits of their ability to solve the 6½-year-old Iran-Iraq war and to protect themselves from threats to their oil and shipping interests.

More than 200 ships have been hit in the Gulf by either Iran or Iraq over the past three years, with many of Iran's recent victims tankers bound to or from Iraq's staunch ally Kuwait.

GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara said after last November's summit in Abu Dhabi that protection of shipping in international waters was an inter-

national as well as Gulf responsibility.

When attacks on Kuwaiti ships escalated early this year, Kuwait asked Washington and Moscow to charter tankers that would be entitled to superpower naval protection.

Direct GCC efforts to end the war, previously rebuffed by Tehran, have for the moment given way to calls on the big powers to use their influence.

Diplomats said there is wide GCC backing for a fresh United Nations Security Council initiative to call for peace talks and impose an arms embargo against any party that rejects them.

GCC Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs Saif Al Muskari was quoted as saying recent visits to the region by U.S. and Soviet officials raised great hopes, although he did not foresee an early end to the conflict.

Last week's accidental Iraqi missile attack on the U.S. frigate Stark, which killed 37 crewmen, has highlighted risks of the U.S. presence but has so far not affected Kuwaiti plans to charter U.S. tankers.

Diplomats say the GCC has made progress toward military cooperation but is far from being able to carry out the naval and air

operations needed to protect shipping over a wide area.

The fact the Gulf armed forces are now training and talking with each other is a big step forward," said one Western diplomat. "But events are just moving too fast."

The GCC held its first joint naval exercises off Oman earlier this year, followed by land manoeuvres in March also in Oman, diplomatic sources said.

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A privately owned UAE newspaper Sunday said moves to bring in the superpowers contradicted the GCC's stated goals. "The GCC states have spent billions on arms but what is the role of these arms if not to guarantee stability and security and keep out the superpowers and their planes?" asked Sharjah's Al Khaleej.

GCC officials often stress that Gulf cooperation cannot be built overnight and slow, careful progress on smaller issues is the best way to start.

Six years of methodical committee work have yielded common regulations and policies on issues ranging from customs duties to can specifications and the use of insecticide.

The group is a living reality for GCC citizens who can now travel among the six states without visas or set up businesses with the rights of a local citizen.

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Electricity ministers are discussing a Gulf-wide electricity grid that could link power plants in Kuwait with consumers in Oman, more than 1,000 kilometres away.

Other proposed infrastructure projects include storage and distribution facilities for refined oil products and gas.

## Pollard report slams Israeli leaders

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A secret government-appointed inquiry Tuesday harshly criticised Israeli leaders over the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal but did not recommend any action be taken against them, state radio said.

A two-man commission submitted the report to Israeli leaders, 18 months after Pollard, a U.S. navy intelligence analyst, was caught passing secret documents to Israel. A Washington court jailed him for life in March.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin — three of the principals under investigation — met to receive the report before its submission to Israel's 10-man inner cabinet.

## Israeli legislators demand trial of Shin Bet agents

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli legislators are demanding an inquiry into the tarnished Shin Bet security service and have called for the agency's interrogators to be put on trial for coercing a Muslim army officer into a false confession of treason and espionage.

Labour Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, asked by reporters if Shin Bet officials should be taken to court for using severe mental and physical pressure to extort a confession from Lieutenant Izat Nafsu, said Monday:

"The law must be executed in a swift way. Whoever digressed from the law must be put on trial."

In an unprecedented ruling on Sunday, Israel's supreme court upheld Nafsu's appeal and freed the former officer, who comes from the minority Circassian community in northern Israel. He had served more than seven years

## Israel cancels questioning of German witness in Nazi trial

BONN (R) — Israeli lawyers probing the past of alleged Nazi death camp officer John Demjanjuk cancelled the questioning of one West German witness as they already had gathered enough information, an Israeli embassy spokesman said Tuesday.

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## Vanuatu delays decision on opening of Libyan mission

PORT VILA (R) — Vanuatu announced Tuesday it had postponed indefinitely a decision on opening a Libyan diplomatic mission here.

Prime Minister Walter Lini told parliament the move was not the result of outside pressures and Vanuatu would keep the matter under "active review."

Lini said some of Vanuatu's South Pacific neighbours were unnecessarily alarmed over his island state's Libyan connection which was "nothing sinister or revolutionary."

He did not name the countries but Australia has been one of the most outspoken critics of Vanuatu's links with Libya. Vanuatu and Libya set up formal ties last year.

The Libyan issue has soured relations

## King continues to receive Independence Day cables

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday received more cables of good wishes for Jordan's Independence Day anniversary.

The cables came from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, Queen Elizabeth of Britain, King Carl Gustav of Sweden, Sultan Hassan Aga Khan of Brunei, U.S. President Ronald Reagan, French President François Mitterrand, and Jacques Chirac of France.

## Dajani, PSD director tour anti-narcotics squad

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Interior Rajhi Dajani Tuesday called at the Anti-Narcotics Division of the Public Security Department (PSD) and met with PSD Director Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali.

The minister had a briefing on the work of anti-narcotics squad and cooperation with Arab countries in combating drug trafficking.

They were also briefed by the anti-narcotics squad director, Col. Hisham Al Qaisi, on the number and type of drug-smuggling and trafficking operations, which have dropped in the past few years.

On May 9, the PSD announced the seizure of 310 kilograms of hashish and an unspecified amount of heroin and other drugs in Jordan with a street value of JD 300,000.

Col. Qaisi told a press conference then that the seizure was made in April 1987, and noted that 43 persons involved in the drug smuggling have been arrested, and these included 24 non-Jordanians.

The minister was briefed during the visit on the squad's modern methods of discovering drugs, which include the employment of police dogs. Recently police dogs detected drugs concealed in a suitcase at Queen Alia International Airport, according to Col. Qaisi.

After the briefing, the minister toured the department's different sections.

## Ministry extends deadline for purchasing cereals

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture has extended the period for purchasing cereals from local producers in the Jordan Valley region until June 15, according to an announcement by Ministry Under Secretary Salem Al Lawzi.

Dr. Lawzi said that the purchase of cereals takes place in Deir Al Al, he urged farmers to sell their crops to the Ministry of Agriculture centre there to save them the trouble of carrying their crops to Iweideh near Amman, if they failed to abide by the June 15 deadline.

On May 9, the Ministry of Agriculture said that it would purchase the crops at very good prices to encourage farmers in their work. A tonne of wheat is being purchased by the ministry at JD 144; a tonne of barley at JD 90, a tonne of lentils at JD 180, and a tonne of chick peas at JD 170.

These are higher prices than those offered elsewhere. The government is subsidising the prices of crops with the purpose of encouraging farmers to double their efforts in producing food supplies, Dr. Lawzi noted.

To facilitate the purchase of cereals from farmers, a special committee chaired by Dr. Lawzi was formed and has been supervising the process in the Jordan Valley.

## Al Hussein Society to open new training centre

AMMAN (Petra) — The Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped announced Tuesday that it has embarked on constructing a new centre for training the patients on radio and television maintenance.

The projected centre, which is expected to cost JD 36,350, will have a workshop that can accommodate 12 handicapped trainees who have completed their third preparatory classes at

school.

These will be offered a two-year training course on maintaining radio and television sets and will receive courses in science, mathematics, English and engineering drawing, the announcement said.

It said that the centre will have a dormitory to house those living outside the Amman area and an adjacent greenhouse to train the students on growing flowers.

## Switzerland added to fast mail service list

AMMAN (Petra) — Switzerland has been added to the list of countries with which Jordan serves through a fast mail delivery service, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Communications, supervising the work of post offices in the Kingdom.

It said that with the addition of Switzerland, as of June 1, 1987, Jordan will thus serve 20 countries with the fast delivery service, which was introduced last July.

When it was first introduced, this service linked Jordan with only three Arab countries and two foreign countries.

In announcing the inauguration of the service, Ministry of Communications Under Secretary Mansour Ibn Tarif said that

## U.S. 'did not threaten Iran'

(Continued from page 1) told reporters after day-long meetings NATO's defence ministers on European defence issues.

Clearly no decisions could be made immediately "but the point was raised," Mr. Weinberger said.

Mr. Weinberger reported to alliance defence ministers in both collective and bi-lateral meetings on the May 17 missile attack on the Stark.

The U.S., Britain, and France all maintain a naval presence in the region.

Iraq has mounted increasing

## Gorbachev, Ceausescu discuss arms

(Continued from page 1) met States strategic defence initiative.

Meanwhile, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Moscow that Mr. Gorbachev would head the Soviet delegation to



Her Majesty Queen Noor and Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh head for a briefing Tuesday on the various projects under way in the Greater Amman area (Petra photo)

## Queen reviews plans for Amman development with council

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday morning visited the Greater Amman Municipality and met with Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh and members of his municipal council to review future programmes of the Greater Amman region.

In the meeting, Queen Noor was briefed on plans for developing areas in downtown Amman, including the expansion of the Queen Alia International Airport Highway, is now operational.

During the visit, the Queen also discussed possible locations for the proposed Amman tower project.

Following the meeting, Queen Noor visited the site of the new Umm Uthaina park which is still under construction. The park, the largest in the Amman area, is being set up on a 22,000 square metres of land, and is expected to be inaugurated in the coming month.

## Christian community congratulates Jordanians on Eid Al Fitr feast

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Holy See's Secretariat in the Vatican issued the following message to Muslims in Jordan and around the world congratulating them on the end of Ramadan and the beginning of Eid Al Fitr.

"On the occasion of the joyous feast of the breaking of the fast (Fitr), when you raise prayers to Almighty God, I present to you sincere greetings in the name of the Holy See's Secretariat for relations with non-Christians. May God enrich you with His gifts and heavenly grace. May He aid you, and Christians throughout the world, to give ever greater importance to prayer and to spiritual values in the cause of development, progress and peace in the world.

"This year our best wishes spring a sense of friendship and brotherhood reinforced by the memorable Day of Prayer for Peace held at Assisi last October. At the invitation of His Holiness Pope John Paul II, this celebration gathered together representatives of various religions in the world. Muslim friends from several different countries took part in it.

"At Assisi each religious family prayed in its own way, but it was present when the representatives of other religions were praying. The daily order of prayer and the

yearly cycle of feasts help us to make this offering. Both Christians and Muslims know, each in their own way, prayers of praise and thanksgiving, prayers of supplication and prayers imploring pardon for sin.

"Brothers and sisters, although there are fundamental differences between us with regard to the mystery of God, prayer brings us closer to one another by bringing us closer to God. For prayer takes the form of common silence in interior adoration on behalf of the whole of humankind. Those present were convinced of the importance of their actions. They were moved by their concern to obey conscience, and their desire to be ever more open to the truth and to progress towards its fullness.

"In a world which knows much poverty, disease, suffering and ignorance, may prayer and the authentic spirituality which flows from it, change the heart and spirit of every human being, and of the entire world. May prayer help us to obtain God's peace."

## Jordan-made 'Picnic on Sands' to air on TV over Eid Al Fitr

By Meg Abu Hamdan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Coming up on Jordan Television over Eid Al Fitr will be a showing of "Picnic on the Sands," the first ever feature film to have been made in this country. Conceived, written and directed by Najdat Anzour, the film is a subtle study of the relationship that develops between two men of different backgrounds, race and creed, a relationship which due to circumstance turns from hostility to mutual respect.

Above all, it is a film that tells a story by exploring the potential of its location — the fabulous Wadi Rum — and the abilities of both its British and Jordanian casts, rather than by the continuous dialogue so much a feature of more normal television films.

The action of the film is set in 1935, at the time of the British Mandate in Trans-Jordan. It tells the story of Lieutenant Stephen Clifton who becomes lost and wounded in the desert while searching for a Bedouin bandit, Fahad. The Bedouin tends his wounds and a friendship slowly develops between the two men.

Lieutenant Clifton is played by David Thompson, familiar to theatre going audiences in Amman for his many roles in Royal Theatre Company productions and for his own plays. Fahad is played by one of Jordan's leading actors, Mohammad Abadi, with other roles taken by Habis Abadi and Peter Rose among others.

Najdat Anzour, a Circassian who grew up in Syria where his father Ismail Anzour was one of the pioneers of Syrian feature films, has carefully avoided stereotypes; both Arab and English are shown with their good and bad points and no obvious symbol — such as the Bedouin tent — has been used.



Actor David Thompson dressed in the British World War II uniform of his role Lt. Stephen Clifton

## Israeli treatment of Arab workers tops ILO agenda

AMMAN (J.T.) — A report on the conditions of Arab workers in the occupied Arab territories prepared by a special committee of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) will be high on the agenda of the ILO's 73rd conference due to open in Geneva on June 3, Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan said here Tuesday.

The minister, who will lead Jordan's delegation to the conference, was speaking at a meeting of the Jordanian delegation to accompany him to Geneva.

Nearly 150 nations will be represented at the coming conference which will tackle a host of questions mostly centring on labour-related affairs.

The report on the Arab workers under Israeli rule, the minister said, was compiled by an ILO team who toured the Arab region in implementation of ILO resolutions issued in 1974 and 1980. These resolutions condemned Israel for human behaviour, violations of human rights, and

repressing and discrimination against Arab workers.

The report also examined the negative effects of continued Israeli occupation on Arab workers and their livelihood, and Israel's arbitrary actions against labour unions in the occupied Arab territory, the minister added.

Mr. Haj Hassan was recently nominated to chair the conference. The ILO governing body has endorsed the nomination which also won support and backing from the Arab and Asian groups.

Mr. Haj Hassan said that the Jordanian delegation will have to

## New facilities ease bridge crossings

AMMAN (Petra) — A newly-built air-conditioned hall, improved facilities, and other conveniences are awaiting visitors to and from the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip at the King Hussein Bridge terminal in Jordan Valley.

The terminal and a similar one near the Prince Mohammad Bridge across the River Jordan normally witness heavy congestion of incoming or outgoing visitors during the three month summer period. The heat, sometimes above 40C in the Jordan Valley region, and the large number of people trying to cross the bridges have made the river crossing quite difficult.

This year, the Public Security Department (PSD) has made available a spacious air-conditioned complex for travellers awaiting their turn to cross or their papers to be processed at the terminal's police station.

Colonel Khaled Shaheen, director of security at the bridge terminals, outlined the new procedures at a press conference held at the new premises not far from the King Hussein Bridge. He said that the new complex is now operational and offers almost any

services that travellers might require, including a canteen with refreshments, a mosque for worshippers, special hand-trolleys for travellers' baggage, and information for Arab and foreign travellers.

Arab visitors to the West Bank or Gaza Strip are required to obtain a permit from the Israeli authorities in advance before they are allowed to cross into the occupied territory. They are also required to carry temporary passports issued by the Passports Department in Amman, according to regulations.

Only those who carry special cards showing that they live on the West Bank or the Gaza Strip will not be required to obtain temporary passports. An identity card is sufficient.

Col. Shaheen said the bridges close Saturdays, and it would be advisable for travellers to make their trips on Fridays or Sundays. Col. Shaheen also advised travellers to avoid carrying gifts or jewellery because these would be heavily taxed by the Israeli authorities.

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### EC's wrong signal

THE European Community's (EC) finding that there is no scope for any new initiative for peace in the Middle East, given the division in Israel over the issue, has come as a surprise and disappointment to us in the Arab World. The tone and substance of the European statement has poured icy water on prospects for convening an international conference on the Middle East to work out an Arab-Israeli settlement acceptable to all parties involved.

The issue at stake is an end to the 39-year-old conflict in the region. One would have expected the EC to take a more positive stand on the issue rather than just assess peace prospects on the basis of what the Israelis think or behave. Hitherto, the EC states were acting more independently of the Israelis and the Arabs in their formulations of policies vis-à-vis the Palestinian problem. It is important to recall in this context the Venice Declaration of June of 1980 which was devised and adopted on the basis of European thoughts and principles. It was not too long ago — in February of this year to be specific that the community supported the call for the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East. Why all of a sudden the EC would reverse its previous stands and declare that there is no point at the present time in following up peace efforts, we do not know. It is indeed perplexing to hear the British foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, say at the Brussels meeting that the peace process had now reached a "point of frustration," or to note his Dutch counterpart's contention that we have reached a dead end in the process of peace and a "pause for thought" had become inevitable.

What is most disappointing, indeed frustrating, is the rationale behind this European review of positions, namely that of Israel's Likud Party's success in overriding the Labour Party's acceptance of the international conference idea. Are we not right then in believing that the European Community is sending the wrong signal to the Israelis, by appearing to have succumbed to Israel's Likud Party veto of the whole concept of the peace conference?

Granted any such conference may not be a panacea to the Arab-Israeli conflict, but one thing remains true and clear to all: The conference idea offers the only viable and operational format to bring the parties to the conflict to the table of negotiations under an international umbrella. And that is why this is the time to stand tall and strong in face of all attempts to nip the peace process in the bud. To do otherwise, in fact, amounts to admitting failure and to telling the Israelis that their intransigence wins.

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#### Al Ra'i: U.S. meddling in Britain

FOR the first time in British parliamentary elections the British people find themselves under the pressure from a foreign power trying to influence their choice of the future government in London. Ever since Margaret Thatcher announced the start of a campaign for the coming elections, the United States has been maintaining a propaganda campaign designed to direct the British electorate towards electing a Conservative government to rule the United Kingdom. The Americans have been issuing warnings to the British people that the United States would pull out their nuclear missiles from Britain and American personnel from the British Isles if Labour won the elections. Thatcher knew from the opinion polls that the Conservatives would win an election and therefore she chose to bring forward the election date one year ahead of schedule. The Americans should have understood this situation without involving themselves in a campaign designed to influence the British public opinion and threatening punitive action if Britons voted Labour. Of course, the British people will opt for a government that would best serve the country's highest interests. The U.S. move at this stage was an uncalculated one and clearly is a sign of interference in Britain's internal affairs, reminiscent of U.S.-Israeli moves during the Austrian presidential elections.

#### Al Dustour: Another step

KING Hussein's talks in Saudi Arabia with King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz are to be considered as another stage on the road towards ending differences and divisions among Arab countries and Arab leaders. This step is essential in the present critical stage and in the light of the developments in the Arab region. Both Jordan and Saudi Arabia occupy very respected positions within the Arab Nation and their leaders have their weight in Arab policies; and this should serve as a catalyst to help the Arabs to regain their solidarity and end all disputes among their leaders. We have been following King Hussein's contacts and consultations with the kings and heads of state of Arab countries with great hope and optimism, feeling that these contacts will yield fruit and help the Arabs overcome their problems and unite their efforts in the face of the common challenges. King Hussein's efforts and contacts form a bridge over which Arab leaders can pass and can attain understanding that paves the way for coordination. We hope that the Arab countries will respond favourably and speedily to these efforts and these endeavours and hold their long awaited summit meeting.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Summit is the need of the day

ONE cannot deny that the present stage the Arabs are going through requires total solidarity and coordination among Arab countries and a pooling of resources and efforts. Such solidarity is bound to lead to strength and joint action that would help this nation achieve its aspired goals. These are the objectives of King Hussein, who has been maintaining constant consultations with Arab leaders and pursuing relentless efforts designed to unify Arab ranks and bolster their position and strengthen their stand in the face of common challenges. King Hussein's visit to Saudi Arabia is part of his ongoing endeavours to convene an Arab summit meeting which has now become more essential than at any time in the past in view of the fast moving developments in the region. An Arab summit will be a symptom of unanimity of Arab countries to embark on joint action with which to handle the Gulf war, the situation in Lebanon and, above all, the Palestine problem.

# Reagan and Congress take 'Star Wars' battle stations

By Valerie Strauss  
Reuter

WASHINGTON — The 1988 U.S. defence budget has become the focal point for a bitter "Star Wars" battle between democratic leaders in Congress and President Reagan.

The Democrats, who normally oppose military spending legislation, are championing the defence bill, while Reagan's Republicans have dropped their customary support and are opposing it.

The shift in position has resulted primarily from the Democrats' determination to include arms control curbs in defence legislation, most controversially one that mandates U.S. adherence to the traditional interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty.

This interpretation of the treaty, which bans missile defences, would severely restrict the development of Reagan's "Star Wars" programme, the land- and space-based anti-missile shield known formally as the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

Reagan has said he will veto any legislation that includes arms control limits — including the defence bill he has vigorously supported in the past.

But the Democrats — who control both houses of Congress for the first time since Reagan took office in 1981 — have vowed not to give in. For the moment, neither side is getting its way.

Ultimately, the debate could affect the future of "Star Wars" as well as new superpower arms control pacts that may be concluded, including one the Reagan administration is pursuing to reduce medium-range nuclear forces in Europe.

The battle is less about ABM interpretation than about the president's right to re-interpret pacts unilaterally without input from the Senate, which has the constitutional role of approving treaties negotiated by the executive.

It began after the administra-



tion in 1985 advanced a new ABM treaty interpretation that would permit aggressive research and development of SDI.

Democrats insisted Reagan had no right to re-interpret a treaty almost 15 years after it was approved by the Senate and warned of a constitutional crisis if he acted on the new interpretation — which he has not yet done.

"We are on a slippery slope here," said Senator Sam Nunn, the influential chairman of the Senate armed services committee, who made an exhaustive study of the ABM issue and concluded there is no legal basis for Reagan's position.

They added ABM compliance measures to different pieces of

legislation, the most critical being the 1988 defence bills.

The House defence bill, to be voted on this week, requires compliance with the traditional treaty interpretation.

The Senate's companion bill, which the Republicans have stymied with a series of parliamentary manoeuvres, bars funds for projects that would violate the treaty's traditional interpretation unless the president asks Congress and both Houses approve the request.

The controversy boiled over last week when the White House announced that a new study supported the validity of its new interpretation and Republicans launched their drive to prevent the defence bill from reaching the Senate floor.

Republicans said this was no time to "tie Reagan's hands" and hold SDI "hostage" as U.S. and Soviet negotiators in Geneva are hammering out a deal to rid Europe of medium-range missiles.

It could be the first superpower arms control accord of the Reagan presidency and the first ever actually to cut nuclear forces.

"I think what you are doing ... is blackmailing the SDI programme," Senator Dan Quayle scolded Democrats on the Senate floor.

Republicans also insisted the defence budget was not the appropriate vehicle for an ABM showdown.

But Democrats said it was the best platform for such a debate because it provides funding levels for "Star Wars" projects. The House defence bill cut Reagan's \$5.7 billion "Star Wars" research money request to \$3.1 billion, while the Senate's companion bill gave the programme 4.5 billion.

Democrats also warned that if Reagan did not back down, the Senate would have to change the way it approves future treaties — including the one under negotia-

### Wedge-driving days are over

The following is an editorial that appeared recently in the Jerusalem-based Al Nahar Arabic daily.

THE Israeli government these days looks so absurd and ridiculous due to the illogical behaviour of its leaders and the continuous squabble among the ruling coalition partners: Yitzhak Shamir, disputes an envoy.

The Israeli prime minister, Moshe Arens, to Washington to persuade U.S. administration officials to reject the idea of an international Middle East peace conference; while the foreign minister, Shimon Peres, sends his own envoy, Rafi Edri, to the American capital in a bid to convince the U.S. administration of the need of supporting the proposed conference. Peres then travels to the U.S. himself, apparently for the same purpose, and there he is also shadowed by a Shamir representative. This contradiction in the Israeli government's behaviour clearly reflects the deep split between the Labour and the Likud, the two partners which form the present coalition. Persistent differences between the two parties and their contradicting approaches to Washington are tantamount to having each party submitting separate requests for United Nations membership so that the Likud would be able to vote against the convening of the international conference and the Labour Party against the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in such conference.

This farcical performance will of course remain a matter concern to Israel alone. But when the Israeli government tries to avoid tackling internal issues by misleading world public opinion, and when the Israeli government fabricates lies and propagates forged reports in the press, it becomes necessary to confront such suspicious attempts and thwart such wicked and evil designs.

The Israeli government and media, in a bid to discredit Jordan and manoeuvre it into direct negotiations, started a campaign of disinformation about ghost meetings, talks and agreements between the two countries. The Israeli leaked "reports" of an agreement to hold direct negotiations between Israel and Jordan under the "umbrella" of the peace conference. It went further in its campaign to suggest that Jordan, the advocate of the conference and the country that insists on the participation of all parties to the conflict including the Palestinians, has agreed to go to the party without the PLO.

All that can be said about such allegations and falsehoods is that they are disgusting. We want the Israeli leaders and journalists to understand that such tactics cannot and will not deceive the Arab masses and can only succeed in making us more repugnant of such attitude. There is no doubt that such statements and reports and allegations are designed to make the Palestinians more suspicious of the Jordanian position and widen the gap between the PLO and Jordan, and between the Palestinians and the Jordanians who form one people and face a common destiny.

It must be pointed out that Shimon Peres and all those who have joined his propaganda campaign deeply realise the fact that Jordan remains committed to the idea of an international conference with the participation of all concerned parties, as long as such conference will bring about a comprehensive peaceful settlement. It should be noted also that differences between the PLO and the Jordanian government are on views about the most effective means for regaining Arab land and protecting Arab identity in Palestine. If there is any difference on the idea of the international conference, it is that which exists between the Arabs and the Israelis.

Therefore, it should be understood that Jordan is committed to the principles of the national Arab stand and will never be a party to any partial agreement; and that the Palestinians and the Jordanians are for Arab unity and are keen on maintaining their sacred unity, a unity that they are prepared to protect in the same spirit in which they carry on the struggle to restore their usurped land in Palestine.

The time has gone when the Israelis can drive wedges that would penetrate deep into Arab ranks and damage their unified stand.

### World waits for Kohl to decide on missiles

By Susan J. Smith  
The Associated Press

to form a state government with the opposition Social Democrats in Hamburg.

Kohl and other members of his Christian Democratic Union support an accord on medium-range arms, which have a range of from 1,000 to 5,000 kilometres.

But the Christian Democrats say they are worried that combining it with a deal on shorter-range weapons, with a range of 500 to 1,000 kilometres would single out the Germans.

Kohl says scrapping both medium- and shorter-range missiles will leave people in East Germany and West Germany with the only land-based atomic weapons left in Europe, the battlefield weapons with a range of less than 500 kilometres.

Such an agreement could doom Germany "on both sides of the wall and barbed wire," the chancellor told a news conference earlier this week.

His ministers are deeply divided on the issue. Kohl himself seems caught between worries that accepting the Soviet proposals would threaten German security, while rejecting them would be immensely unpopular.

In Brussels, NATO officials said Friday that virtually every other country in the alliance, including the United States, has indicated it can accept the Soviet offer. But all are waiting for a decision from West Germans, where many of the missiles affected by the Soviet offers are deployed.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation needs a West German decision so that it can formulate a position and the United States can respond to the Soviet offers at the superpower negotiations at Geneva.

"Clearly, we're waiting for the Germans to reach their view," one NATO diplomat told the Associated Press, speaking on condition that he not be identified.

It's an uncomfortable position for Kohl, a man who likes to be in the mainstream, not on the outs with the rest of the alliance. He also cannot be enjoying the fighting in his government.

For weeks, his Defence Minister Manfred Woerner, a conservative who opposes the Soviet offer on shorter-range systems, has been at odds over the matter with Genscher, a Free Democrat who like most members of his party favours pursuing the Soviet offers.

The argument is the most serious coalition quarrel since Kohl came to power.

The Free Democrats have not threatened to back out of the Bonn coalition. But they may have made the chancellor uneasy this week by starting negotiations

### Coup in Fiji — a familiar Third World tale

The sunshine paradise of Fiji has been shaken by a bloodless coup. Chris Sherwell reports from the area how and why this occurrence — not unfamiliar in other parts of the world — happened.

THE bloodless army coup d'état in the South Pacific island state of Fiji, the first successful military overthrow of an elected government in the region, is the start of a journey down an uncertain and potentially tragic road.

But, it is also the unexpected climax to a series of events which, although beginning with the election a few weeks ago, have their origins in 96 years of British colonial rule and 17 of independence.

If there is much about Fiji which is unique, there is also a lot which is familiar to historians of African and Asian Third World countries.

— Its 720,000 population spread across 10 attractive islands is over-dependent on a single crop, in this case sugar, and on tourism. It suffers from a weak infrastructure and young institutions.

— The country has an inflammable mix of two races, indigenous Melanesian Fijians and long-resident migrant Indians, with the latter in a small majority.

— Its political and social system has tended to favour the tribally-organised Fijians and leave the Indians, despite their superior economic power, feeling like second-class citizens.

— Its neighbourhood has been

Although the first Europeans arrived in Fiji in the early 1800s, it was not until 1858 that Britain placed a consul in the country and 1874 that Britain became the colonial power. Thereafter, it did not take long for the sugar industry to become established and for Indian migrant workers to be brought in.

When the country became independent in 1970, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, chief minister, became prime minister, a position he continued to hold until April, when his ruling Alliance Party was defeated in the election.

— Its neighbourhood has been

details about its naval ships. Inevitably, speculation about causes of the coup has embraced all possibilities, including U.S., Soviet and Libyan involvement. But most theories have tended to focus on the internal situation in Fiji since the election.

In April, the National Federation Party ran with the new trade union-linked Labour Party in an unusual multi-racial coalition. At the end of the customarily lengthy election and counting process, it emerged with 28 of the 52 seats.

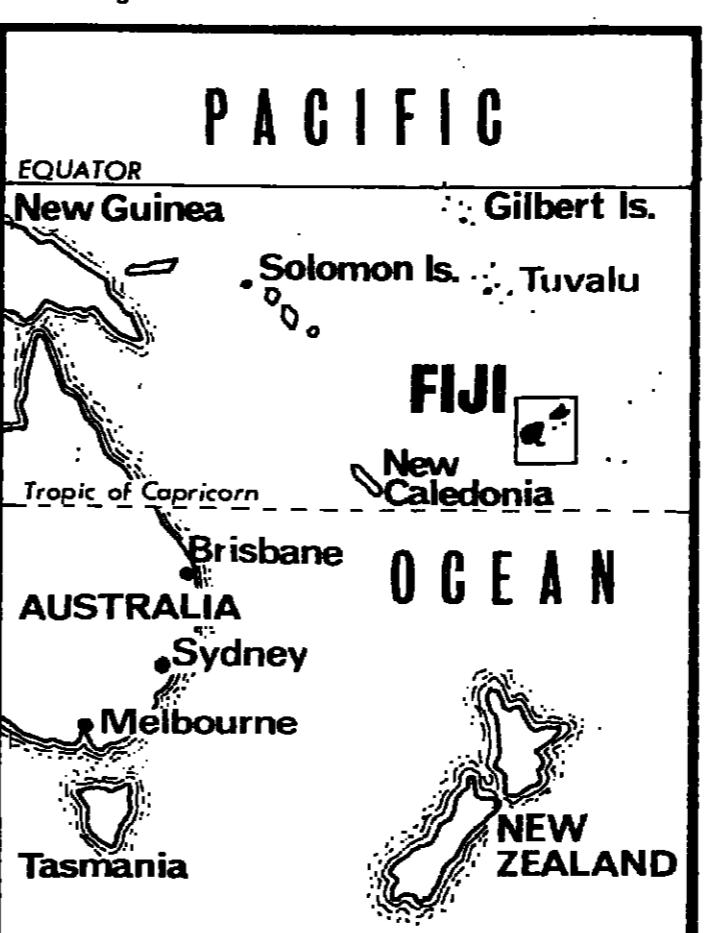
Not only did this promise to be the first multi-racial government, it would be the first with a majority of Indians in it, it would be supported by the union movement and — most intriguing of all internationally — it would be committed to a non-aligned foreign policy.

In particular, the new government said it was anti-nuclear. It supported the idea of nuclear-free zones, and its stated intention was to follow New Zealand and operate a ban on port visits by nuclear-armed or powered ships.

This represented a radical departure from the pro-Western stance of Ratu Mara, and prompted serious worries in London and Washington.

Rightly or wrongly, Sir Geoffrey Howe, U.K. foreign secretary, chose not to make direct contact with the new leadership on his way back from Australia and New Zealand in April, even though he made a refuelling stop there. It was said to be too soon for such a visit — the new government had not settled down.

General Vernon Walters, the much-travelled U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, on the other hand, made a highly public stop in Fiji during his recent tour around the region, and delivered the now-familiar reminder that U.S. policy was not to reveal





# McEnroe tumbles out of French Open in 1st match

## Fernandez, Gomez advance in second day

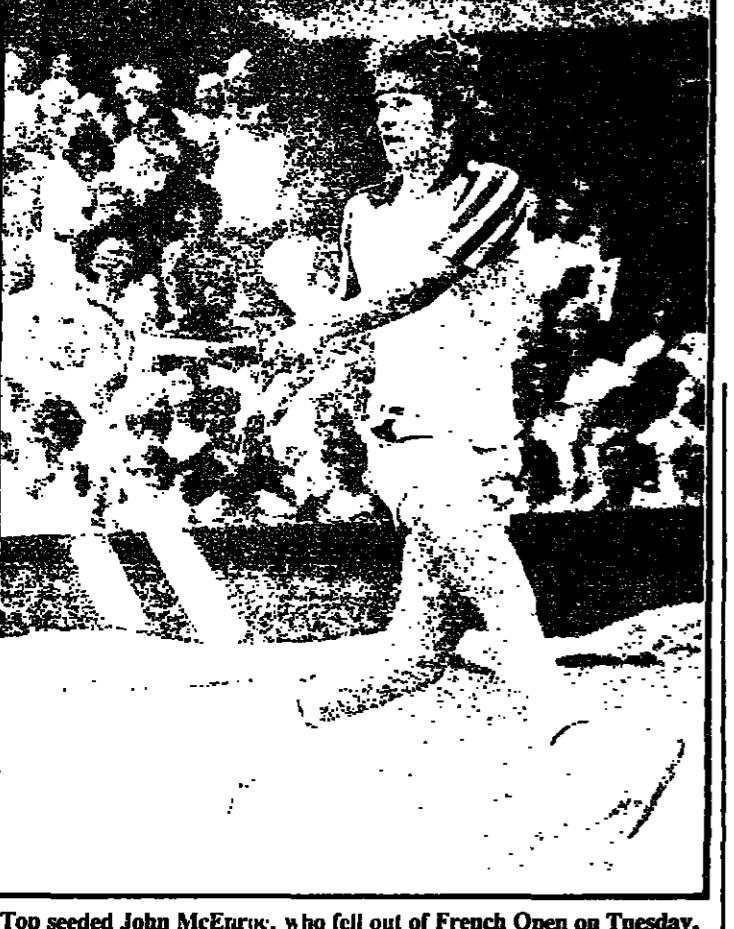
PARIS (AP) — John McEnroe, his serve-and-volley game in a shambles on the slow clay of centre court, was eliminated in the first round of the French Open Tuesday by Argentina's Horacio De La Pena 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

It was the second consecutive Grand Slam tournament in which McEnroe was a first-round loser. He lost to Paul Annacone in the opening round at the U.S. Open last August.

"He came up with some great shots, but I beat myself," McEnroe said.

Another American seed also lost Tuesday. Melissa Gurney, the 16th-ranked woman, fell to Nicole Provis of Australia 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Andres Gomez, Mary Joe Fernandez, Manuela Maleeva, Rafaella Reggi and Miloslav Meir were among other seeds winning first-round matches.



Top seeded John McEnroe, who fell out of French Open on Tuesday, is seen manoeuvring on court in one of his earlier matches (File photo)

Following McEnroe and Evert onto centre court were top-seeded Martina Navratilova against Catherine Tanvier of France and eighth-seeded Jimmy Connors against Todd Nelson of the United States.

McEnroe, the men's seventh seed, was given a lesson in clay-court tennis by De La Pena, the world's 49th-ranked player, who ran down shots and returned stinging crosscourt groundstrokes throughout the three-hour match on a warm Paris afternoon.

The booming serve and strong net play that made McEnroe number 1 in the world up until late 1985 was never evident. His volleys usually landed in the net or far past the baseline, and the quickness that characterised his championship form also was missing.

"Physically, I was not up to it," McEnroe, who has complained recently of problems with his calf muscles, said. "I tried to do something extra to get ready and perhaps I overdid it."

De La Pena, his long hair held back with a white headband, won six games in a row, going from 4-4 in the third set to take that set and forge a 4-0 lead in the fourth. He broke McEnroe's serve for the eighth and final time to build a 3-0 lead, and had match point

on the American's serve before McEnroe saved it in the seventh game.

At the end, De La Pena sent a forehand across court for a clean winner, then ran to the net. McEnroe, a scowl on his face beneath a blue bandana headband, trudged up and congratulated the Argentine, then walked off court to a muted ovation.

De La Pena had lost to McEnroe 6-2, 6-4, in the second round of the Italian Open two weeks ago. That, too, was on clay, but the surface was about the only similarity between the two matches.

"In Rome, he gave me a lesson in chip-and-charge on a clay court," De La Pena said. "I was surprised I won and how easily I won."

"I don't think he played so well. He was a bit disconsolate, but I played much better than in Rome. Today I passed him very well and reached all his volleys."

McEnroe said he probably would pass up the men's doubles tournament and had asked partner Robert Seguso to find someone to take his place.

Now, he must wait to find out if the rulers of men's tennis suspend him for an outburst on court in Dusseldorf, West Germany, last Sunday.

While 24-year-old Riaz Mohammad was recovering in a Birmingham hospital, police and cricket officials debated how to prevent scenes similar to those at Edgbaston, where hundreds of fans invaded the field at the end and some began fighting.

Gatting, whose side won the match by one wicket in a thrilling finish before a packed house of

17,000 fans, said: "They were the worst scenes I have seen at a cricket ground in this country.

"It has got to be stopped right now and the only way is for the police and officials to impose stricter ground control," he said. Police said some 50 fans were ejected and 24 arrested, mostly for drunkenness.

The injured man was thought to have been hit by a wine carafe thrown from another section of supporters in the stadium. Police said the glass severed his jugular vein and the quick action of a police officer, who held her hands over the wound until he reached a first aid post, probably

saved the man's life.

Chief superintendent Tony Butler, who had some 200 officers on duty at the stadium, said:

"This is obviously a very serious incident and we will now have to consider, along with Warwickshire County Cricket Club (which owns Edgbaston) how we can prevent people bringing glass objects into the ground."

"Drinks sold in the ground are dispensed in plastic containers and so whoever threw this glass must have brought it in with them," Butler said.

"We don't expect people to have serious throat injuries when they come to watch a cricket match," he added.

As fans swarmed on to the field at the end of the match, both captains appealed over loudspeakers to clear the pitch and go home.

Pakistan's captain, Imran Khan, said later: "When these things happen, it ceases to be a game. I suppose my words are aimed at both sets of supporters, but ours, particularly, get carried away."

"It causes us real embarrassment to see them running on the field and fighting in the stands," Imran said.

Although crowd misbehaviour at cricket grounds is not unusual in India, Pakistan and the West Indies, it has been largely absent from the English game, which, traditionally, is synonymous with tranquility and usually is played before small audiences.

## Porto aims to strike gold in European Cup final

VIENNA (R) — Bayern Munich trainer Udo Lattek expects his team to face a fierce opening onslaught by Porto when the two injury-hit teams meet in the European Cup final on Wednesday night.

Lattek, seeking to revive the West German champions' glories of the 1970s, when he guided them to the first of three successes in Europe's Premier Club Soccer tournament, said he expected the Portuguese champions to attack from the start in search of an early goal and then rely on a packed defence.

"I think they will go at us for the first 15 to 20 minutes," he said. "They will try for an opening goal and then defend. They will be very defensive for the rest of the match."

He refused to confirm he would use defender Hans Pfluegler as a makeshift deputy for injured striker Roland Wohlfarth.

"The situation is that we have three injured players — Wohlfarth, Hans Dorfner and Klaus Augenthaler," he said. "That remains unchanged and I shall not name my team until Wednesday. I am still thinking about it."

Wohlfarth, Bayern's top scorer, tore a hamstring in the closing stages of their 3-0 win over Waldorf Mannheim in the Bundesliga last Saturday, and joined midfielder Dorfner and captain, and sweeper Augenthaler, who is suspended for the final anyway, on the injured list.

Meanwhile, Porto intends to capitalise on the golden offer of an Italian coffee firm by setting out to attack, entertain and score as many goals as possible when they meet Bayern Munich.

The Portuguese champions' coach Artur Jorge told Reuters he did not agree with Lattek that Porto would attempt to steal a goal and defend.

He said: "We will try to play attacking soccer, to make it an open game and to score goals. We are not going to play defensively or to steal goals on the break."

If Porto are successful in breaking the West Germans' defence and beating Belgian World Cup goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff, they will be rewarded with a kilo of gold for every goal scored in normal time, thanks to the Italian coffee group who have offices in Oporto.



'WHERE DID IT GO': Al Faisali striker Imad to the cheers of approximately 30,000 crowd, was flanked by two players from Adduftein club in a bid to block him from scoring in the final match on Monday night for the Soccer Association Shield Championship. The match, held

at the Al Faisali 2 to 1. A play off match between the two teams, to be held sometime in June, will determine the victor of the shield (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan).

## England captain urges crowd control after flying bottle cuts fan's throat

LONDON (AP) — England

cricket captain Mike Gatting

Tuesday called for stricter crowd

controls after violence at Mon-

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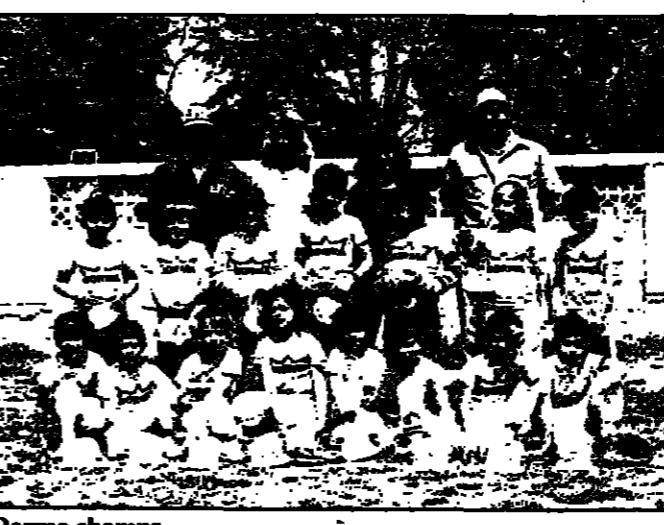
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Nashashibi/Ebbin 3  
Jordan Express 4  
Volvo 5  
General Computers & Electronics 6

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## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Tuesday.

One Sterling	1.6505/15	U.S. dollar	1.3442/47
One U.S. dollar	1.7955/65	Canadian dollar	2.0225/35
West German marks	1.4760/70	Dutch guilders	37.23/26
Swiss francs	6.0000/50	Belgian francs	1297/1299
French francs	143.25/35	Italian lira	6.2800/50
Japanese yen	6.6800/50	Swedish crown	6.7350/7600
Norwegian crowns	459.00/450.00	Danish crowns	
U.S. dollars			

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — A firm opening on Wall Street lifted equity prices above the day's lows after a dull start on the back of the latest Harris/TV-AM opinion poll which showed the opposition Labour Party narrowing the gap with the Conservatives. Trading was thin, however, with a notable lack of selling from institutional investors, dealers said.

Currency considerations also weighed on the market as sterling and government bonds declined in the face of the poll news. Government bonds lost over 1/4 points in the benchmark 13 1/2 per cent 2004/08 stock.

Sterling initially lost ground to the dollar which retained its overnight strength and slipped steadily throughout the day against a basket of European currencies to close with a loss of five trade weighted points at 72.8.

The poll showed a two point improvement for the Labour Party at 37 per cent at the expense of the Tory party on 42 per cent with the Centrist Alliance gaining a point at 21 per cent. Although the poll has a relatively small sampling core, its findings have reinforced a recent general impression that the Labour Party is continuing to make some headway into the Conservative lead, dealers said.

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day finds it possible for you to finish up a series of conditions that need to be out of the way before you can intelligently proceed.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can now handle correspondence that has been neglected. Contact those you want as allies.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Apply yourself seriously and handle practical matters. Find the right method to expedite things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study your present position and eliminate whatever is outdated. Enjoy the company of friends tonight.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Handle the tasks that can clear the path to greater progress. Save some time for your mate.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You can gain an aim now that has long eluded you since you have greater enthusiasm than before.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your position at home and try to gain some prestige there. A bigwig can give you backing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Something turns up today that can help you advance and make the future brighter for all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Keep busy at completing the work that's undone. Small tasks can be done for your mate, also.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get outside tasks finished before you delve into some new civic affair that can be of help to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Show fellow workers that you finish one job before going on to the next one. Gain their respect thusly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Have long talks with those who like the same amusements as you. Impress others with the right attitude.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Although you have to be out at work, take time to plan how to improve conditions at home.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will have every ability at handling emergencies of all kinds. Slant the education here toward police work, medicine and law, for all of these require mental brilliance and physical dexterity. And throw in some lessons on perseverance.

## THE Daily Crossword

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# Chun dumps premier, 3 ministers in bid to halt torture scandal

Ruling S. Korean party leader becomes prime minister

SEOUL (R) — President Chun Doo Hwan removed South Korea's premier and three top ministers Tuesday in a move seen as strengthening the hand of his heir-apparent, Roh Tae-Woo, in the succession struggle.

Mr. Roh, chairman of the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP), had argued for major cabinet changes to counter growing public anger over an alleged cover-up of the death of a student under police torture.

His argument was clearly heard.

Out went Prime Minister Lho Shin-Yong, 57, accepting "moral and political responsibility" for the current crisis of confidence in the government, to be replaced by a relatively unknown law professor, Lee Han-Key.

Out too went Deputy Premier Kim Mahn-Il, Interior Minister Chun Ho-Yong and Justice Minister Kim Seung-Ky.

Even more significant to some analysts was the removal of Chang Se-Dong, director of the

Agency for National Security Planning — the former Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

"In this reshuffle the most eye-catching thing is the replacement of the National Security Agency head," said the Joongang Daily News.

"It is particularly meaningful in that Mr. Chang was one of those closest to President Chun, at the heart of the ruling camp."

The newspaper said domestic and foreign commentators had recently cited Mr. Chang and Prime Minister Lho as possible rivals to Mr. Roh Tae-Woo for the ruling party's presidential nomination.

This reshuffle shows that Mr. Roh has now become the number two man in the ruling camp, both in terms of position and now of

influence," the Joongang Daily News said.

The ruling party is scheduled to hold a national convention on June 10 to choose its candidate to succeed Mr. Chun, who says he will step down next February when his seven-year term expires.

Mr. Chun has refused opposition demands to allow direct presidential elections with universal suffrage and has decreed that his successor will be picked indirectly in December by an Electoral College of some 5,000 members.

The influential Dong-A Ilbo daily commented that the ruling camp was until now controlled by the Troika of Roh, Premier Lho and National Security Chief Chang.

The replacement of two of these is a big change. This indicates that Chairman Roh Tae-Woo will most probably become the party's presidential choice," Dong-A added.

The Joongang Daily News said the appointment as Prime Minister of Lee Han-Key, 69, "who is an academic and not from a military background, is seen as a

step towards softening the image of the government abroad."

It was the Joongang Daily News which in January carried the first news of the death of student Park Chong-Chol, 21, under police torture, triggering the scandal which has now

brought down four senior government ministers.

At first, police reacted to the unwelcome disclosure by saying the Seoul National University student died of heart failure while being questioned.

Later came an official admission that members of an anti-Communist police squad, who were forcing the youth's head into a bath full of water to try to make him reveal the whereabouts of another student activist, suffocated him by crushing his throat against the rim.

These first shock revelations led President Chun to order a full inquiry, to sack his interior minister and police chief for failing to prevent Park's death, and to set up a government commission to protect human rights.

## Shops, schools close in Fiji protest strikes

SUVA (R) — Supporters of Fiji's deposed Premier Timoci Bavadra, overthrown in a military coup 12 days ago, staged protest strikes Tuesday which closed shops and schools, while food shortages were reported in parts of the South Pacific nation.

In an interview with Reuters and three other foreign journalists, coup leader Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka said the strategic Pacific island chain remained tense, and warned that police and the army would take strong action against any demonstrations.

State radio said most shops in the west of Fiji's main island Viti Levu, the main powerbase of Dr. Bavadra, were closed Tuesday and few buses were running.

There were long lines of people, particularly Indians, queuing outside the Immigration Department and foreign embassies Tuesday morning to get passports and visas to leave the country.

School children were sent home for the second day running as teachers went on strike. Some parents kept their children at home because of the uncertain situation.

A planned stoppage by predominantly Indian shopkeepers in the capital Suva did not take

place and the market was open as usual.

Most shops and businesses are owned by members of the large Indian community who make up roughly half of Fiji's 714,000 population.

A police spokesman told reporters that police blocked a planned demonstration in Suva by preventing bus loads of supporters reaching the capital from western sugar-growing areas.

As an export ban imposed by trade unions in Australia and New Zealand in protest against the coup began to bite, shops in parts of the country reported food shortages triggered by a rush to stock up in case of continued shop closures.

Air Pacific, the country's external airline, announced it was cutting back services because of a sudden slump in tourist arrivals, while hotels said they would have to start laying off staff unless business improved.

The United States, New Zealand and Australia have advised tourists to stay away from Fiji until the political situation stabilizes. Tourism and sugar are the country's two main foreign exchange earners.

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### Schoolchildren get unexpected day off

TEL AVIV (R) — An unofficial teachers' strike in protest at government budget cuts gave 1.3 million Israeli schoolchildren an unexpected holiday Tuesday. "It's kind of a warning strike," said Hanna Meron, a spokeswoman for high school teachers. "We are simply afraid these cuts are going to destroy the whole education system." Israel's treasury cut the education budget by \$28 million to \$1.2 billion for 1987-88.

### British queen mother in Italy

VENICE, Italy (AP) — British Queen Mother Elizabeth arrived in northern Italy on Monday for a private trip in which she will visit a writer friend and stay at a luxurious small hotel. The 86-year-old mother of Queen Elizabeth II is to spend five days in the region before returning home. Five days after her return, she will take off on an official visit to Canada. The queen mother arrived from Britain on a Royal Air Force jet and was taken by yacht to Venice for a small welcoming ceremony with city officials, who gave her a large bouquet of flowers, the news agency ANSA reported. She was then whisked off by car to the small town of Asolo, where she was to stay at the quiet, refined Hotel Villa Cipriani, where a room has been specially decorated with antiques for her visit, ANSA said.

### Chimpanzee steals child from village

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — A chimpanzee carried off a five-year-old girl from a village in southern Ivory Coast and later abandoned her while the child's mother watched, the Ivory Coast Press Association reported Monday. The incident occurred in Chiope, a small village 45 kilometers from the town of Divo, the agency said. The mother, who had noticed her child was missing, went in search of her and discovered a large chimpanzee holding the girl in its arms. The woman saw the chimpanzee drop the child, who was bleeding profusely, on a path and scurried back into the forest. The child's fingers and toes had been bitten off, according to the report. The girl was later taken to a local clinic where she received emergency treatment for injuries to her head, abdomen, hands and feet, the report said.

### Mr. Pravda pays a visit to Pravda

MOSCOW (R) — A 69-year-old American tourist appeared at the Moscow editorial office of the Soviet Communist Party daily Pravda and introduced himself as Mr. Pravda, the newspaper reported Tuesday. "I'll be frank," Pravda quoted Baron Pravda from Miami as saying, "living in the 'tates with this name isn't easy." Mr. Pravda, who was born in the United States, said he had always wanted to stop in at the newspaper and had finally decided to do it. "Some people jokingly and some seriously, at times ask: So how are things with your Russians, what are they saying, what's the news," he told Pravda, which means "truth" in Russian.

### Embassy to modify 'mushroom' atop roof

ROME (AP) — Italian newspapers promptly dubbed it "a mushroom," but U.S. embassy officials say the mysterious structure that sprouted on their roof is nothing but a routine security measure. The outgrowth, which appeared recently atop the handsome 17th-century Villa Ludovisi housing the embassy on fashionable Via Veneto, had moved some Roman newspapers to indignation. Over the weekend, Il Messaggero ran photographs of a shed-like structure surrounded by a curtain of scaffolding, ultimately taking the matter up with the Foreign Ministry. While conceding that security measures were necessary, the paper added: "The security of the embassy can be guaranteed, even while respecting the artistic patrimony of the Roman palazzo." While refusing to divulge just what it is, American embassy spokesman Mark Dillen said: "The construction work on the roof is relative to a security requirement."

### Paroled rapist forced from home

RODEO, California (AP) — Paroled rapist Lawrence Singleton was removed from an apartment in a bullet-proof vest Monday after about 500 residents surrounded the building to protest a decision to place him there permanently. Singleton was shielded by police officers as he was taken from the rear of the building to a waiting patrol car. The demonstration had built throughout the day after residents learned late Sunday that Singleton had been moved into the apartment building, said Contra Costa County sheriff's department officials. The residents circulated a petition asking that he be removed and carried signs saying, "get Singleton out." Parker Avenue, the main thoroughfare through the western Contra Costa County town, was blocked by the demonstration. A sign posted near the town line gave the street address of the house and said, "Singleton here... come join us." Corrections Department officials have refused to specify the location of Singleton, who gained notoriety in 1979 when he was convicted of raping a 15-year-old runaway and using an ax to cut off her arms at the elbows.

### 'Future cars will tell you how to get there'

ANN ARBOR, Michigan (AP) — A University of Michigan engineering professor says automobiles of the future will feature electronic maps, anti-lock brakes and seat that mold to riders' bodies. "People are beginning to recognize that the state of the art has gotten to the point where we can have a clean, safe, fuel-efficient car that's still exciting," said David E. Cole, head of the university's Transportation Research Institute. His forecast predicted that while the current craze of electronic dashboards will fade a bit, an illuminated road map will be common by the 1995 model year. He said the maps will use satellites to pinpoint a driver's location. Cole also said many of the changes during the next eight years will be subtle. "Buttons and digital displays will change to more knobs that you feel and rotate," he said. "We got a little overwhelmed with what we viewed as technology."

### Donna Rice 'victimised' by media

MIAMI (AP) — Donna Rice, who gained national attention after reports that she spent time in Bimini and Washington with then-presidential candidate Gary Hart, has said she feels victimized by the media for putting her face "on the cover of every magazine in America." The latest Rice cover photograph is on the June 2 issue of National Enquirer, in which she is pictured sitting on the lap of a smiling Hart during what the sensational tabloid called "a fun-filled weekend in the Bahamas." "I feel like I've been used," Rice told free-lance photographer Bill Cooke, who photographed Rice in 1984 for a department store advertising a swimsuit line. "I don't even watch the news anymore." Another photo in the Enquirer shows Hart and Rice standing with William Broadhurst, a friend of Hart's, and Lynn Armand, a friend of Rice's who knew Broadhurst. Hart is holding Maracas, Broadhurst is seated behind a set of drums and the women are holding microphones.

### Priest held over possible voodoo slaying

PONT AU PRINCE (R) — A voodoo priest whom neighbours accused of killing and possibly eating a young boy was arrested for his own protection by police after they said a crowd tried to stone him to death. Police said they had no direct evidence to charge the priest, Pierre Destin, with murder but were investigating. "We're going to hold an inquiry," a police spokesman said, adding that investigators had found four human skulls, two from adults and two from children, in their search of the priest's home. Police were alerted when Destin telephoned to say an angry crowd gathered after two brothers ran out of Destin's house and claimed he had held them overnight and killed a younger child in their presence.

## Fire breaks out at Tokyo power plant

TOKYO Fire Department.

Mr. Tsukakoshi said one of the two injured workers suffered serious burns.

The five were engaged in a pressure test of a pipe under repair when the fire broke out, said a Tokyo water police official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official said 42 fire trucks

and vessels and helicopters battled the blaze, containing it after an hour.

Black smoke spewed over part of Tokyo Bay, the officials said.

Tokyo electric power official Kuni Okano said electricity was not interrupted because power is automatically supplied to customers from other sources when one power line fails.

## Chinese forest fire under control

PEKING (R) — China's biggest forest fire for nearly 40 years has been brought under control by rain and the efforts of tens of thousands of people, the People's Daily reported Tuesday.

It said that up to 10 mm (0.4 inches) of man-made and natural rain fell on Sunday and Monday over the area in the north-east where the blaze has been raging for three weeks.

"There is no major military offensive. We are carrying out a process of slowly regaining areas controlled by terrorists in Jaffna," Mr. Athulathmudali told reporters Monday.

Security forces were advancing slowly on rebel positions in their stronghold of Jaffna, they added.

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## Tamil rebels kill 7 Sri Lankan troops

COLOMBO (R) — Tamil guerrillas killed seven soldiers in Sri Lanka's north and east in the past 24 hours as troops continued their assault on rebel camps in the northern Jaffna peninsula, officials said Tuesday.

A landmine blew up a military vehicle in Batticaloa district Monday night, killing five soldiers and injuring one, they said.

In the Jaffna peninsula, guerrillas

attacked an army camp at Kurumbapetty with mortar bombs, killing a soldier. Another soldier was killed by a landmine that exploded in front of an advancing patrol at Kankesanthurai, the sources said.

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which he offended Ottawa authorities by boasting Quebec separatists with his cry from a Montreal balcony of "vive le Quebec libre" (long live free Quebec).

Gen. De Gaulle was the last by a French president to Canada until now.

During his address to parliament Monday, Mr. Mitterrand uttered his own slogan: "Vive le Canada, vive la France" (long live Canada, long live France), expressing a sentiment opposite to that of Gen. De Gaulle's statement.

Mr. Mulroney told parliament a new page had been turned in relations between France and Canada.

Improved ties between Paris and Ottawa have been aided by Canada's political scene.

Mr. Mulroney's Conservative government ousted Liberal leader Pierre Trudeau in 1984 and the new government, in contrast to the previous one, approved of France's special relationship with Quebec.

Political observers said his brief visit to the capital, during which he addressed parliament, was a major diplomatic success.

The 20-year chill in relations began with a visit by President Charles de Gaulle in 1967 during

the curfew in February 1986 as part of a state of emergency to combat an expanding wave of rebel bombings and attacks in Lima and the neighbouring region of Inner Mongolia.

The paper said an additional 5,000 firefighters had been sent to the western wing of the blaze, where flames had been out of control and threatening vast virgin forests in the neighbouring region of Inner Mongolia.

Mr. Kim, who spent five days in Peking, was met at the railway station by his son, heir apparent Kim Jong Il, and other North Korean officials and Chinese embassy officials, the agency said.

In Peking Mr. Kim met with China's top leader Deng Xiaoping. Premier Zhao Ziyang and other Chinese leaders.

Earlier in the day, the agency said Mr. Kim sent a "message of

thanks" to Chinese leaders, including Mr. Zhao, Mr. Deng, Mr. Li Xianian, president of the People's Republic of China, saying: "We are leaving your country with a pleasant mind after successfully winding up our visit to China this time amid your particular concern."

We are very satisfied with the fact that our visit to China consolidated the blood-sealed Korea-China friendship and strikingly demonstrated its invincible vitality," the message was quoted as saying.

The two Asian Communist countries fought together during the 1950-53 Korean War and are close allies.

The prosecution said the defendants' company, Schiavone Construction Co., which had a \$186-million contract to build a new railway tunnel for the New York subway system, had falsely claimed it paid \$7.4 million to a minority-run subcontractor, Jopel Contracting and Trucking.

The prosecution contended the

payments were funnelled back to Schiavone.

Defence attorneys, calling the case a political vendetta, said Mr. Donovan, a Republican, was singled out by zealous Democrats in the Bronx section of New York who were out to get a member of the Reagan administration.

Mr. Donovan, a self-made millionaire who was a political unknown when Mr. Reagan named him to the cabinet, was hounded by allegations linking him to organised crime and was accused by unions of being unsympathetic to labour.

He survived stormy congressional confirmation hearings in 1980 and 1981, two investigations by a special prosecutor into alleged ties to organised crime figures and a barrage of criticism that proclaimed his record dismal after eight months in office.

The referendum became necessary after the act was approved by the Dail, Ireland's parliament, but was challenged in the supreme court, which ruled it was in conflict with the constitution.

The only public opinion poll carried out in the low-key campaign — in the independent Irish Times newspaper last week — predicted a 2-to-1 majority in favour of ratification. But about 40 per cent of the voters were undecided.

The Irish Times said in an editorial Monday that opponents

had thrown up "many canards — abortion, divorce ... NATO. Only the most gullible will be swayed by these."

"The only danger is apathy — the despairing conclusion on the part of many ordinary voters that they cannot understand the issues, or do not care about them, or that their vote will make no difference to the outcome," the newspaper said.

The Irish Independent, usually opposed to Mr. Haughey policies, said, "we cannot say no to the Single European Act. If we do decide to refuse to have the act passed then we have started a process which will gradually see us cut off from the financial benefits of EC membership. And we will also be refused permission to benefit from further lowering of trade barriers as the century goes on."